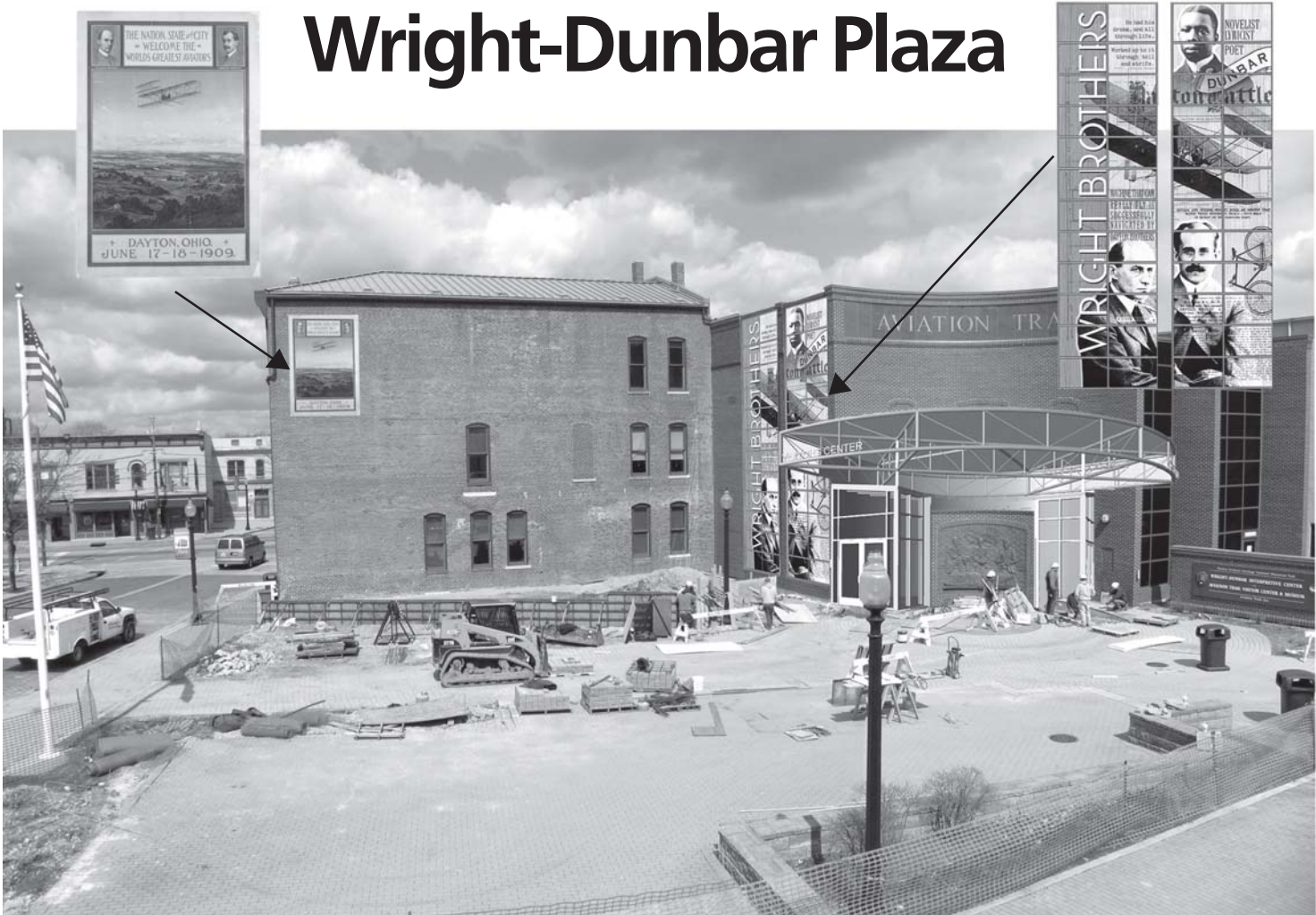


# Dayton's National Park

## New Facelift for Wright-Dunbar Plaza

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The re-design of Wright-Dunbar Plaza features a new entry, mural, and window graphics.

During your most recent visit to Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, you may have heard the sounds of diesel engines, the pounding of hammers, and the site of an ever present orange fence. All indications that something gigantic is going on! Since the park's opening in October 1992, the "space between" The Wright Cycle Company building and the Hoover Block has been used for many different purposes. The Wright-Dunbar plaza serves as our "welcome" for visitors to the national park. Visitors can access the area from several directions with the plaza providing our guests with their first impression of the park, and introducing them to three great Daytonians: Wilbur

Wright, Orville Wright, and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Constructed in 1997, as a part of the initial development of the national park, the plaza design featured elements that highlighted the outlines of the historic features and alleys that were located on the site at the turn-of-the-twentieth-century. This design was intended to be temporary pending a more comprehensive development of the area. This current project will continue to develop the Wright-Dunbar Plaza, to provide more exterior exhibits and interpretive displays which will more fully communicate the story of the neighborhood (which is vital to understanding the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar) and to

better link these two facilities as one experience. Additionally, the development of this site with educational and interpretive exhibits and displays will take this important story and move it outside the walls of the historic buildings so that it is available to the public all of the time. In addition, the plaza will also serve as a great location for outdoor public programming. Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park will continue to remain open during this time, and operate normal hours seven days a week. We encourage you to plan a return visit, and let us know what you think of our new facelift.

### WELCOME!

Welcome to Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. This park, the only national park in the Dayton region, is one of 391 that currently make up our nation's National Park System, showcasing the rich diversity of America's heritage.



Established in 1992 with a specific mission to create partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and the private sector, Dayton Aviation Heritage brings together a broad coalition of partner organizations to commemorate the legacy of the Wright brothers and poet and author Paul Laurence Dunbar.

The Wright brothers, through their invention of powered flight, achieved one of the single most important advances of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Paul Laurence Dunbar, a childhood friend of the Wright brothers, rose from a poor childhood in Dayton to international acclaim as a writer and as an effective voice for equality and justice.

Earlier this year, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park was honored to have several sites associated with the park selected by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne for inclusion on the new U.S. World Heritage Tentative List. The Tentative List will serve as a guide for nominations from the United States to the World Heritage Committee for the next decade. Sites included in the Dayton Aviation Sites nomination are: Huffman Prairie Flying Field; The Wright Cycle Company and Wright and Wright Printing building; the 1905 Wright Flyer III and Wright Hall; and Hawthorn Hill, Orville Wright's mansion.

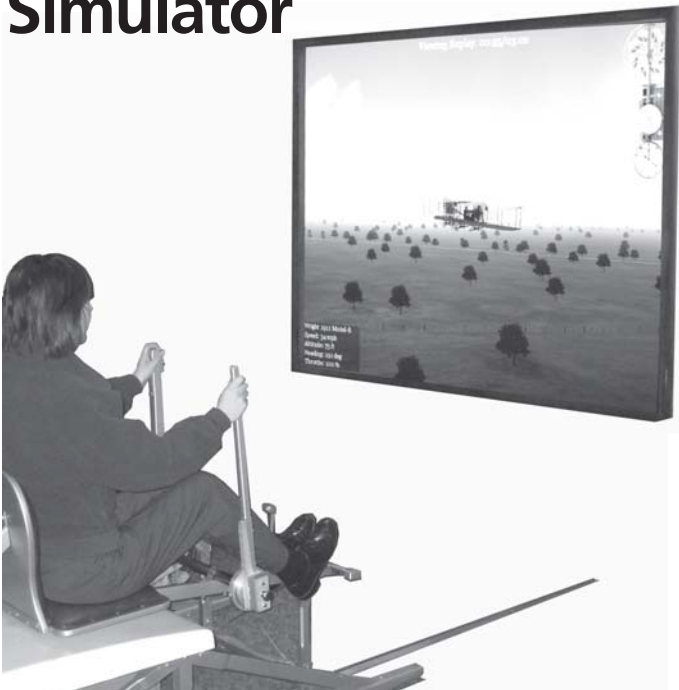
Reality shows and "extreme-makeovers" are always fascinating to watch as they unfold and change from week to week. The Wright-Dunbar Plaza, which serves to "welcome" visitors entering The Wright Cycle Company complex and the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center will be undergoing such a "make-over" this year. Phase I of this project is now underway with a goal to make the plaza more inviting through the addition of a new entry to the Interpretive Center, as well as some additional landscaping and seating. So, please excuse the construction and we hope you will enjoy the new facelift.

Please enjoy visiting your National Park and we hope that you return often with family and friends.

Enjoy your visit!

Lawrence Blake  
Superintendent

## Wright Brothers' 1911 Wright B Flyer Simulator



To learn more about how you can fly a Wright flyer like the Wright brothers see page 3.

## Park Chosen for New World Heritage Tentative List

Although the Dayton, Ohio area is well known for its legacy of invention and innovation, the Wright brothers' invention of the heavier-than-air powered plane stands alone at the top when it comes to national and world attention for the region.

*"I am pleased to be able to take the necessary first step so that these truly significant American natural and cultural properties can be considered for the most prestigious international recognition accorded to properties of global importance," Kempthorne said. "Each of these sites is important to Americans as well as others around the world."*

That world attention is now closer to becoming an official reality, thanks to an announcement by the Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, on January 22, 2008. Secretary Kempthorne named the Dayton Aviation Sites as one of the 14 properties on the new United States World Heritage Tentative List. Three sites that make up the National Park here in Dayton are now eligible to be considered for nomination by the United States to the UNESCO World Heritage List, which recognizes the most significant cultural and natural treasures on the planet.

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# Aviation Heritage Speakers Series 2008

You are invited to join us for another great year of presentations during our 2008 Aviation Heritage Speakers Series. This series is designed to offer the public a variety of knowledgeable speakers addressing topics related to aviation history through engaging discussion and first-hand accounts. All of these talks begin at 7:00 pm at the Engineers Club, 110 East Monument Street, Dayton, Ohio. These events are free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about these talks and other future speakers coming to the Engineers Club, call Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park at 937.225.7705.



**Darrell Collins**  
7:00 pm, March 27

Darrell Collins, who serves as historian and interpreter at Wright Brothers National Memorial and is

widely recognized as one of the top five authorities on the Wright brothers and early aviation history, will speak about the Wright brothers' experiences at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.



**John Fleischman**  
7:00 pm, July 24

Cincinnati science writer and author John Fleischman will discuss the story behind his new

children's book *Black and White Airmen: Their True History*. "It is about flying, WWII, segregation, and friendship and it has a happy ending," says Fleischman.

**Timothy Binkley**  
7:00 pm, October 23

Timothy Binkley, who is the archivist and curator at United Theological Seminary in Dayton which was co-founded by Bishop Milton Wright, will speak about his forthcoming book on *Religious Telescope* editorials by Milton Wright.



# Wright-Dunbar & Aviation Trail Inc. Events

## Aviation Trail Inc. 2008 Events

**Annual Trailblazer Award Banquet & Ceremony**  
Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 pm  
The event honors the birthday of Wilbur Wright (April 16, 1867) and the Trailblazer Award winner. The event will be at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio. Cost: \$40.00, social at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:45 pm. Call 937.434.9108 or 275.5271 for details and reservations.

**105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Flight Celebration**  
Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 pm  
National Museum of the United States Air Force National Aviation Hall of Fame 2008 Inductee Announcement, WPAFB  
U.S. Air Force Band of Flight concert; reservations required.  
Call 937.434.9108 or 275.5271



## Wright-Dunbar, Inc. 2008 Events

**Urban Nights**  
May 16 & September 12  
5:00 - 10:00 pm  
Various locations along West Third Street (between Broadway and Williams). Cost: FREE



**Summer Music Series "Cultural ConNEXTions"**  
June 18, July 20, August 15, 7:00 pm  
Oak & Ivy Park; Edwin C. Moses Boulevard (between Fourth & Fifth Streets). Cost: FREE

**Walk of Fame Ceremony & Luncheon**  
September 25, Ceremony 10:00 am  
1100 West Third Street  
Luncheon: 11:30 am  
Ponitz Center, Sinclair Community College  
Call for ticket price. Cost: Ceremony is FREE

**Holidays in the Village**  
December 5 & 6, times vary  
Various locations along West Third Street (between Broadway and Williams).  
Call for schedule. Cost: FREE

# The National Aviation Heritage Area Come. Discover. Fly!

Home of the Wright brothers and long known as the Birthplace of Aviation, the Dayton region now enjoys a new accolade. In November 2004, Congress recognized the Dayton region as the National Aviation Heritage Area, in honor of the region's leadership in our nation's aviation history.

It began with the Wright brothers' invention of the airplane in the back of their cycle shop on Dayton's west side in 1903. They later perfected their flying machine on the testing grounds of Huffman Prairie Flying Field, just east of Dayton. Huffman is considered sacred ground by aviation enthusiasts the world over; meanwhile, the original 1905 Flyer, widely considered the world's most significant airplane still in existence, is on display at Carillon Historical Park in Dayton.

But the Dayton region's contributions to aviation progress merely began with the Wrights. In later years, other milestones would occur in the Dayton region, such as the first military airfield, the first emergency parachute jump, WACO's dominance of civilian aircraft production between the World Wars, and much, much more. All told, Dayton truly is the Global Center of Aviation Heritage. Today, it continues that heritage as one of the most significant regions in the world for aviation advancement. Dayton is synonymous with aviation.

The new National Aviation Heritage Area (NAHA) joins 37 other heritage areas in existence around the country. Like the Motor City Heritage Area in Detroit, NAHA is one of the few that represents more than a bygone era of heritage; it embodies an industry that is alive

and well, but which is chock full of great history and stories that can only be called the "purest slices of Americana."

NAHA consists of 10 historical sites and one member organization. The sites are the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the National Aviation Hall of Fame, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park (which includes four sites: Carillon Historical Park, Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial), the Wright B Flyer, Grimes Flying Lab Foundation, Armstrong Air & Space Museum, Historic WACO Field, and the organization member, Aviation Trail, Inc.

NAHA already has much to boast about when it comes to historical sites, artifacts and museums. Visitors will find much to experience, whether you spend a day or a full week traveling the Heritage Area. Ultimately, each visitor will have the opportunity to learn how the Wright brothers unlocked the millennia-old secrets of human flight, and see how our nation's aviation heritage unfolded following the Wright brothers' invention.

Many agree that it was the invention that changed the course of human history more than any other. Upon visiting NAHA, you can grasp that significance and come away with a new appreciation of one of America's greatest stories. Count on it. For more information visit [www.visitnaha.com](http://www.visitnaha.com)

*Come. Discover. Fly!*



The WACO Museum hangar at Historic WACO Field, home of a 2200-foot public grass airstrip, is located west of Troy at 1865 S. County Road 25-A, Troy, Ohio, 45373.

# Bike - With -a- Ranger Programs

**The Gem City: Historic Homes & Sites of Dayton**  
June 15, July 20, & August 17  
9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. (4 hours)  
The Wright Cycle Company  
22 South Williams Street, Dayton OH 45402

This moderately difficult bicycle ride will stop at locations such as Orville Wright's Hawthorn Hill mansion, the birthplace of NCR founder, John H. Patterson, industrialist Edward Deeds' estate at Moraine Farm, Woodland Cemetery and Carillon Historical Park. Most of the rides will be down relatively quiet residential streets with some riding along moderately busy roads.



**A Living Legacy: Huffman Prairie to Wright - Patterson AFB**  
June 1, July 6, & August 3  
9:00 - 11:00 am (2 hours)  
Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, 2380 Memorial Road, Wright - Patterson AFB, OH 45433

Discover how one of the largest aviation complexes in the world, Wright - Patterson AFB, began as a humble 84-acre cow pasture just a few miles northeast of Dayton. This moderate-to-easy bicycle ride down mostly bicycle trails and less-traveled roads will lead you through Huffman Prairie Flying Field, Huffman Dam, and to the Wright State University Archives.

*Pre-registration* is encouraged (937.425.0008). You can also register at 8:30 am the day of the tour.

Orientation begins at 8:45 am.

Tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Participants are required to bring their own bicycles and personal gear, including snacks and/or lunch. Helmets are required. For the latest information check our website at [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav) or call 937.425.0008

# Summer Programs, May 24 - September 1, 2008

Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center  
The Wright Cycle Company Complex

Hours: Open daily 8:30 am to 6:00 pm  
from Memorial Day weekend (May 24) to Labor Day (September 1)  
Open daily 8:30 am to 5:00 pm September 2 to May 22, 2009

## Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center

### Wright Memorial Ranger Talk

1:00 pm, daily  
Discover the past and present of the site -- topics include the ancient past of the grounds, the memorial, the conservancy district and the development of the air base. From Memorial Day to Labor Day

### First Flight Ceremony

10:00 am to 10:35 am  
Wednesday, December 17  
Celebrate the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Flight with the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Wright Memorial located next to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.



### 1911 Wright B Flyer Simulator

Available all day :-)  
Have you ever wondered what it was like to fly a Wright B flyer over Huffman Prairie and keep the aircraft balanced and in control, i.e., don't crash? Well, here's your chance to see if you have what it takes to fly a vintage plane and learn about the Wright brothers.



## Huffman Prairie Flying Field

### Ranger Talk

10:30 am, daily  
Explore the site where the Wright brothers developed the world's first practical airplane and permanent flying school. Ranger-led talks daily, Memorial Day to Labor Day (except when the flying field is closed). Call the Interpretive Center 937.425.0008 for current time and dates concerning field operations.



### Prairie Workshop

8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Tuesday, July 15  
This day long program will include presentations by Bob Henn on prairie wildflowers and by Tom Hissong on birds of the area. The program will also include a tour of the prairie, the geology of the area and the formation of prairies. The workshop will begin at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center at 8:30 am. Bring your own lunch! Call 937.425.0008 for information and registration by Thursday, July 10. The workshop is free to the public but limited to the first 30 participants.



## The Wright Cycle Company Complex

### Wright-Dunbar Neighborhood Walking Tour

10:30 am, daily  
Learn about the history of the Wright-Dunbar Village, the history of west Dayton, and neighborhood of the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar on a ranger-led tour of the neighborhood.



Park Ranger Mandy Murray (above and below) shares her knowledge of the Wright-Dunbar neighborhood with visitors on a tour.

Also available on the weekends in May and September.



# Saturday Family Programs: FREE! FREE! Special Park Programs

Children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL programs listed.  
Event locations are noted in descriptions.

### Kites at the Hill

May 17, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Come to the Wright Memorial next to Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center anytime during the program hours to learn how to make a sled kite that you can take home after learning how to get your craft airborne. No personal kites allowed.

### Mound Builders

June 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Come to the Wright Memorial next to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center to learn about the Adena culture, play a game, and make a craft to take home. This activity takes about 2 hours and is appropriate for ages 6 and above.

### Art in the Park

July 12, 19, & 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Visit the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center during program hours to experience artistic endeavors in sculpting, painting, and collage. Sponsored in part by the K-12 Gallery and appropriate for grades K through 6. Registration is required. Call 937.225.7705 for registration and any additional information. Children must be signed in by an adult on the day of the activity. Participants need to be present for the full two hours.

### Halloween Scavenger Hunt

October 18 & 25, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Children 6 years old or older are invited to visit the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center during program hours to look for pumpkins, black cats, ghosts and spiders (pictures only). Successful participants receive a prize for completed forms.

### Afternoon Tea and Craft-making

November 15, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Visit the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center during program hours to enjoy a spot of tea (punch) and make and take home Thanksgiving crafts. Stop in anytime between the hours of 1 pm and 3 pm

### Holiday Craft-making

December 6 & 13, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Children are invited to visit the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center during program hours to prepare for the holiday season as they learn about the traditions of Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa by making crafts to take home and share for the holidays.

### Goop Tales

June 21 & August 9, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
*Goop Tales*, by Gelett Burgess, first entered the world of children's books in 1900, and it was one of the books Wilbur and Orville Wright read to their nieces, nephews, and neighborhood children. By listening and "acting out" *Goop Tales*, children learn accepted behavior whether in a museum, classroom, or at home.



### "Let's Go Fly a Kite! Famous Kite Flyers Through History"

June 28, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Find out how scientists and experimenters have used kites throughout history to further advance the science of machine-powered flight. Children of all ages come and learn how the Wright brothers first learned to fly using one of the oldest man-made flying devices: Kites.



### "It's in the Details: Wil and Orv as Printers," printing demonstration

July 26, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Wil and Orv were first printers and it took a keen eye and attention to details to get this job done "Wright." Watch a ranger demonstrate the tedious process of printing in 1890 in the room the Wright brothers used.




### "Propelled Into History"

August 23, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Have you ever wondered how a helicopter toy inspired the Wright brothers to develop airplane propellers? Children of all ages can discover how Orville and Wilbur Wright developed their successful theory for airplane propeller construction and design. All participants will assemble their own propeller toy and test its design.



**ARE YOU A TEACHER looking for a great place to take your class for a great experience? Then look no further!!!**

**YOUR school group** is invited to visit and explore our park and learn about three great men from Dayton, Ohio -- Paul Laurence Dunbar, Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright and about their families, too. For more information about programs and what we have to offer, and to make a reservation, contact Judi Hart, our Education Specialist, at 937.225.7705.



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Dayton Aviation Heritage

National Historical Park

The human imagination found its highest expression in three men from Dayton, Ohio: Wilbur and Orville Wright, first to fly a powered, heavier-than-air machine and creators of the practical airplane, and Paul Laurence Dunbar, who with his compelling new voice was the first African American writer to win high distinction in American literature. This park preserves sites associated with the Wright brothers and the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

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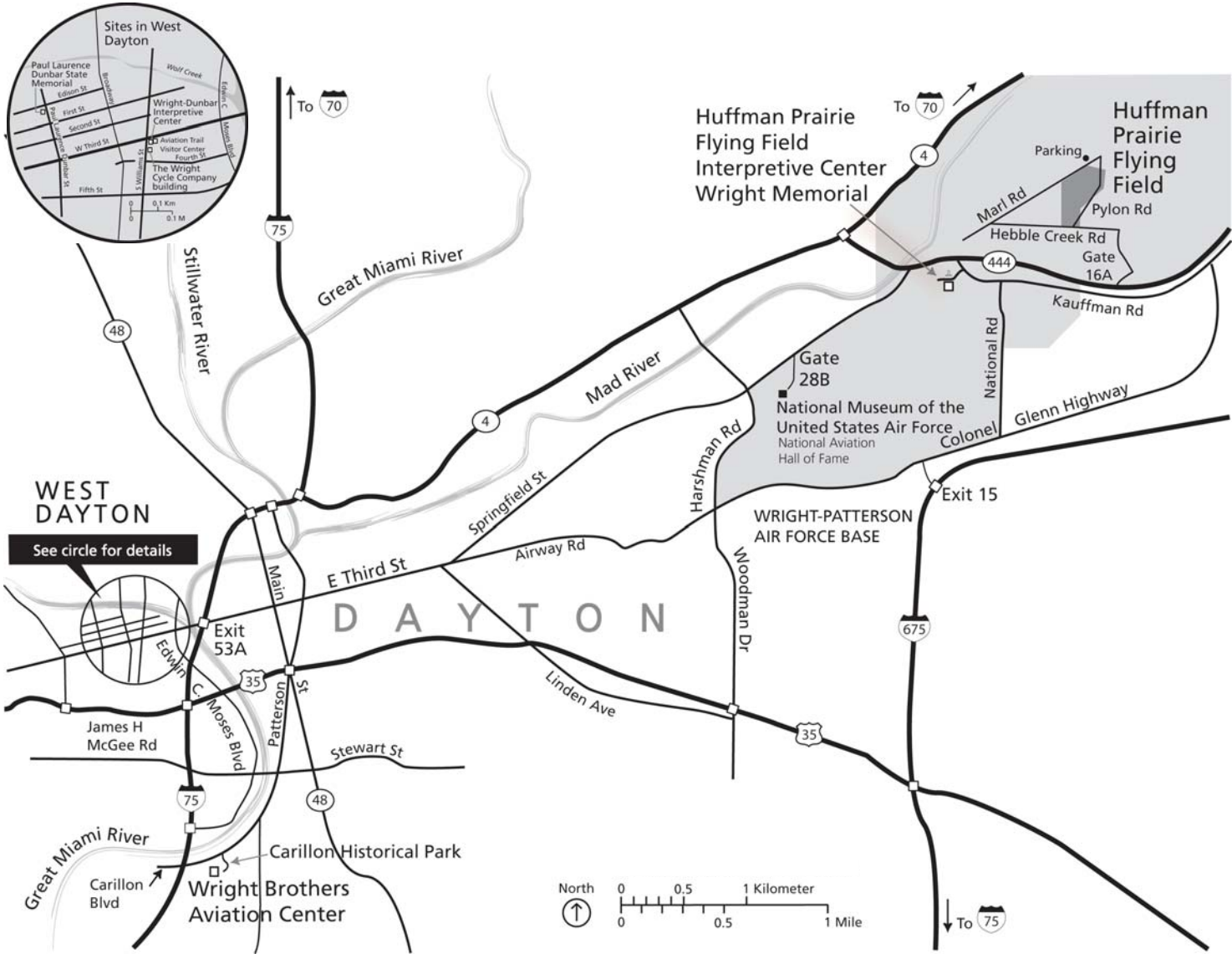
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# Navigating the Dayton Area



## Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park Sites and Partners

### The Wright Cycle Company Complex

*Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center & Aviation Trail Visitor Center*  
*The Wright Cycle Company Building*  
16 South Williams, Dayton, Ohio 45402  
PO Box 9280, Dayton, Ohio 45409  
937.225.7705 (National Park Service)  
www.nps.gov/daav  
937-443-0793 (Aviation Trail, Inc.)  
http://www.aviationtrailinc.org  
Free Admission  
Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm daily  
**Open to 6:00 pm daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day**  
Closed -- Thanksgiving, December 25 & New Year's Day

### Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center

2380 Memorial Road  
(opposite the Wright Memorial, off Kauffman Road and State Route 444)  
Wright - Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
937.425.0008  
Free Admission  
Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm daily  
**Open to 6:00 pm daily Memorial Day to Labor Day**  
Closed -- September 15 (USAF Marathon) Thanksgiving, December 25, and New Year's Day

### Huffman Prairie Flying Field

Gate 16A off of State Route 444  
Wright - Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
Hours: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Open Thursday to Tuesday  
Closed Wednesdays  
Subject to closure due to base operations.

Other Ohio National Parks

Hopewell Culture

National Historical Park

16062 State Route 104, Chillicothe, OH 45601  
740.774-1125, www.nps.gov/hocu

William Howard Taft

National Historic Site

2038 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219  
513.684-3262, www.nps.gov/wiho

Cuyahoga Valley

National Park

15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH 44141  
216.524-1497, www.nps.gov/cuva

First Ladies

National Historic Site

331 Market Avenue South, Canton, OH 44702  
330.452-0876, www.nps.gov/fila

Perry's Victory

& International Peace Memorial

93 Delaware Ave, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456  
419.285-2184, www.nps.gov/pevi

James A. Garfield

National Historic Site

8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060  
440.255-8722, www.nps.gov/jaga

### Paul Laurence Dunbar House

219 North Paul Laurence Dunbar Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
937.224.7061  
www.ohiohistory.org/places/dunbar  
**Open Memorial Day to Labor Day**  
*Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm*  
*Sundays & Holidays 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm*  
**Closed Monday & Tuesday**  
Hours during April, May, September & October  
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00pm  
Sunday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Closed Monday - Friday  
Closed November to March  
Admission: Adults: \$ 6.00  
Students /Children: \$ 3.00  
Free to children under 5 years

### John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center

Carillon Park at Dayton History  
1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio 45409  
937.293.2841  
www.daytonhistory.org  
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm  
Sundays 12:00 pm-5:00 pm  
Admission: \$8.00 Adults  
\$7.00 Seniors  
\$5.00 Children (3-17)  
Free to Members & Children under 3  
Closed: Thanksgiving, December 24 & 25 and New Year's Eve & Day.

For a large-type version of this newspaper, call 937.225.7705

Hey Kids!

Become a Junior Ranger!

Come to the front desk of the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center to get your booklet and start exploring the park.

Children, ages 6-12, will learn about the National Park Service and have fun at the same time!!!

